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Conditions Under Which Water Actually Flows Upward.

There are conditions under which water actually flows upward and rises above its source. If a glass tube be dipped into water the column inside will be above the level of the surrounding surface. Moreover, if a tube of half the diameter be substituted the column doubles its height. The water creeps along the inside of the tube, owing to the adhesion, and forms a cup shaped depression at the top.

An explanation is not difficult. It can be proved mathematically that if the diameter of a circle be diminished one-half the circumference is also reduced to that extent, while the area is one-fourth of its former value. The circumference of the column of water being reduced one-half, its contact with the glass, and hence the adhesive force, is also diminished to that extent, while the cross section, and hence the weight, is decreased to a fourth of what it was before. Therefore the second column can be twice the height of the first without exceeding the lifting power.

Remarkable as the underlying principles of this phenomenon undoubtedly are, nature made use of them long before man made their discovery. Every tree and flower adds its testimony. The core of a tree or plant, instead of being a single open channel, consists of a spongelike substance containing many miniature tunnels through which the sap and moisture collected by the roots flow upward in small rivulets, rising higher and higher in sheer defiance of the great law of gravity.—St. Louis Republic.

SEA MINES IN WARFARE.

The Result When a Vessel Strikes One of These Deadly Engines.

To merchantmen, to the smaller and older warships—to everything that floats except the very highest and more recent products of the shipbuilder's art—the mine presents the danger of complete and almost instant annihilation. The rigidity of the ship is in itself an element of danger, for the water surrounding it is incompressible.

If the skin and frame could give way without rupture and permit the enormously expanding gases (2,000 times the volume of the solid explosive) to transmit their energy in such a way as simply to push the ship aside and thus find a way to the surface, the damage might be slight.

But this cannot be. There is no such elasticity available. And the expansion is so nearly instantaneous that pushing the ship aside is physically impossible. Therefore the structure must break, releasing the gases first into the interior and then by lines of least resistance finally up into the air.

This action is completely instantaneous. It blows off hatch covers and deck plates, twists massive steel members into unrecognizable shapes, spreads havoc broadcast. It transmits a proud ship into a sinking mass of wreckage—a bumpy passenger saloon into a shambles—carries mourning into a hundred homes. Such is the effect of mines.—Sidney Graves Koon in Leslie's.

Hard to Kill.

A distinguished entomologist writes: "When I was still new to collecting, in the south of France I discovered one day, to my great joy, a large female of *Saturnia pyri* hidden away in some bushes. The specimen was the first I had ever caught, and I decided, on account of its large body, to stuff it in quite unnecessary operation; I have kept dozens since unstuffed. The moth

was first apparently killed by being forced into a cyanide bottle, where it was left about an hour. The abdomen was then emptied and the cavity filled with cotton wool soaked in a saturated solution of mercuric chloride. The insect, pinned and set, was discovered next day attempting to fly away from the setting board."

Her Alimony Explained.

Miss Curley kept a private school and one morning was interviewing a new pupil. "What does your father do to earn his living?" the teacher asked the little girl.

"Please, ma'am," was the prompt reply, "he doesn't live with us. My mother supports me."

"Well, then," asked the teacher, "how does your mother earn her living?"

"Why," replied the little girl in an earnest manner, "she gets paid for staying away from father."—London Standard.

Literary Note.

"I must confess that I don't understand Henry James. His style is so involved."

"I'll tell you how to go about reading him. First run over a life insurance policy. After that Henry James will seem lucid and clear."—Pittsburgh Post.

FOREST FOR EVERY CITY.

Profits From These Would Pay For Many Municipal Improvements.

It is being urged that every city and town in the United States, whether large or small, should have a forest, just as every well managed farm has a wood lot and for the same reason—to save money.

The farmer who has a wood lot does not have to depend on his neighbors for firewood or lumber. He produces all the timber he needs for his own use and often has a surplus, which he can sell at a profit. The town or city which becomes the owner of a forest can accomplish the same things on a larger and more profitable scale. Besides supplying its inhabitants with firewood and lumber at less than they would otherwise have to pay, it can reap a handsome profit from the sale of the surplus products of its own forest to outsiders.

Municipal forests are recommended as the best means of insuring better schools, streets, sewers, lights and water systems and at the same time making taxes lower. The profits they can be made to earn would go a long way toward making sinking funds unnecessary and enabling a city to make needed improvements without burdening itself for many generations with bond issues.

Town forests, although new to the United States, have long been established institutions in many European countries. The city of Zurich, in Switzerland, has owned a forest since 200 years before Columbus discovered America.

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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

The bowling games at the Y. M. C. A. will be the Pirates vs Big Mill tonight and the Hillside vs. the Baptist church team Tuesday evening.

Miss Ruth Burt, who fell last week and broke her jaw, is recovering from the injury as rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances. She passed a comfortable night and the effects of the nervous shock following the accident are not now so apparent.

The iron standards for electric lights at the postoffice have arrived. The standards, which cost over \$400, will be placed in front of the north and south ends of the building. The doors, which were originally put in at the entrance have been condemned following inspection and new doors have been ordered.

A large audience was present in the 2nd Congregational church last evening at the 25th anniversary service of the Y. M. C. A. The address by Rev. J. Foster Wilcox, of North Adams was one long to be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present. "The Man Forsquare" was his topic and he revealed a high standard of life for young men and also a way to realize that ideal. He is one of the most forceful speakers who has been in Bennington for some time and the committee felt well pleased to have been able to secure his presence at the meeting. Dr. Wilcox referred to the fact that he was in the ministry because of the faithful ministry of a Y. M. C. A. Secretary at a time in his life when it was most impracticable. The music was also a very pleasing feature of the service and taken all together was a most profitable and inspiring gathering.

BEAT THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

Olden Time Ladies Who Took the Galleries by Storm.

The English house of lords has never been particularly kind to its fair visitors. Long ago in the days when duchesses sold their kisses for votes, the house of lords forbade them to enter, and a battle royal ensued between the ladies and the peers.

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These amazons now showed themselves qualified for the duty even of foot soldiers. They stood there till 5 in the afternoon without either sustenance or intermission, every now and then playing volleys of thumps, kicks and raps against the door with so much violence that the speakers in the house were scarcely heard.

At last by strategy worthy of a general the ladies "all rushed in and placed themselves in the front row of the gallery," where they remained till an hour before midnight, applauding or hissing to their hearts' content.—London Saturday Review.

Origin of the Periwig.

The periwig, which played so important a part in the toilet of a man of fashion during part of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, owed its origin

UNPROFITABLE PROFIT.

Dramatists of Hugo's Day Often Got More Fame Than Money.

From an incident that Victor Hugo fished down in his notebook, something like seventy or more years ago, we may conclude that the dramatists of that day more often received fame than any more material consideration as a reward for their work. And not infrequently even fame was withheld.

"Monsieur Santy," Hugo wrote in November, 1844, "is a former secretary of Thiers. He has written a tragedy called 'Count Edmond'; it is very flat. The piece is played; not a cent in the theater and not a sou in the box office. After three performances the tragedy disappears from the repertory of the Odéon. Furious, the author runs to the director, Monsieur Lireux, 'Sir,' he cries, 'you have stopped playing my tragedy!'

"Yes," the director replies.

"Why?"

"Because it brings in no money."

"I am told that the receipts were only 100 francs less than the receipts for Casimir Bonjour's 'The Student of Segovia,' and you are still playing that!"

"Only 100 francs less," says Lireux.

"That may be true enough. But you see, the highest receipts for 'The Student of Segovia' were 50 francs."

"You're a companion."

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In Massachusetts a concerted effort is being made for the establishment of town forests. Laws allowing municipalities to own and operate them have been passed, and the State Forestry association is offering a series of prizes to encourage the work.

gin to Louis XIV. of France. When a little boy he succeeded to the throne at five years of age he possessed a profusion of remarkably beautiful waving hair which fell in clustering curls over his shoulders. The courtiers imitated the boy king by having heads of false hair to imitate his natural locks, and when Louis grew up he adopted the periwig himself.

During the reign of William and Mary periwigs were worn in exaggerated dimensions, and the beaux used to comb their wigs in public with special combs of ivory and tortoise shell, which became at last quite indispensable to these fine gentlemen.

Selim the Grim.
Sultan Yawuz Selim (Selim the Grim) is certainly not a pleasant Turkish potentate to recall. When he created his secretary Mohammed grand vizier the poor man had to be bastinadoed into accepting the honor. For "Mayat thou be Selim's vizier?" was a well understood equivalent of the time for "Strike you dead." Selim loved literature, however. The poem which his brother wrote, in the hour's grace granted before he was strangled with every other possible rival to Selim, moved the sultan to tears. But it did not save the poet.—London Chronicle.

When You Travel.

Don't wait until you reach the station, a few minutes before it is time for the train to start, before you find out the time for starting, arriving at your destination and the time of connection. Other passengers wish to take the same train and must buy tickets. And don't argue the question of the price of your ticket with the ticket seller. The price is settled by the managers and directors of the road. If the price is unjust, address a communication to them and stay at home till the price is satisfactory or pay it and keep still.—Exchange.

Rattlesnakes.

Advancing civilization is fast diminishing the rattlesnake on the American continent. There are said to be twelve species and thirteen varieties. While the poison of this snake is usually fatal to man, it never attempts to strike unless it is molested.

The Feminine Gender.

Teacher—What is a fort? Pupil—A place for soldiers to live in. Teacher—Correct. And what is a fortress? Pupil—A place for soldiers' wives to live in.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Avoiding Father's Errors.

Father—Listen, my boy. I want you to avoid my mistakes in life. Son—Oh, I will, dad. I'll give my son twice the allowance that you give me and take his advice in all matters of dress.—London Standard.

Silk Skirts.

Manufacturers of silk claim that if women would line their skirt hems the many complaints received about the bad wearing qualities of silk would be alleviated. No fabric can well stand the continual rubbing against the shoe tops caused by the tightness of the hems.—Dry Goods.

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